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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ankenbauer *et al.*

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For: THERMOSTABLE ENZYME
PROMOTING THE FIDELITY OF
THERMOSTABLE DNA
POLYMERASES - FOR
IMPROVEMENT OF NUCLEIC
ACID SYNTHESIS AND
AMPLIFICATION IN VITRO

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below prior to the examination of the above-captioned application.

Enclosed herewith is Exhibit A.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Marked up copies of the following amended paragraphs are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Please replace Figure 1 with the enclosed revised Figure 1.

On page 6 please replace the paragraph beginning: